

# THIRTY THOUSAND SOLDIERS LED BY MARSHAL FOCH IN VICTORY PARADE

## STAIN OF 1870 WAS WIPED OUT

Chains of Magnificent Arc de Triomphe Loosed for Heroes.

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Pershing, Foch, Haig, Petain, Diaz, Castelnau, Great Chiefs in Parade.

(By Robert J. Prev.)

Paris, July 14.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty thousand allied soldiers swung across the Paris boulevard today before the eyes of more than a million spectators who saw the great victory parade.

Leading them on horseback was Marshal Foch, generalissimo and directing genius of the allied success in the war. Beside him rode Marshal Joffre, hero of the first battle of the Marne, and riding at the heads of the various contingents came General Pershing, Haig, Petain, Diaz, Castelnau and other great chiefs.

The troops marched in alphabetical order, which brought the Americans, led by Gen. Pershing, immediately behind the British. For two hours they swung through a double living wall four miles long with the cheering rising in an unending roar. The greatest moment of the day came when Pershing's staff drove their horses under the magnificent Arc de Triomphe, followed by the soldiers of liberty. Since France's defeat in 1870 the arch of Napoleon's victories had been barred to wheeled traffic by heavy swinging chains. In previous years, when kings and princes had passed under the arch, but today the stain of 1870 was wiped out; the chains were flung and the victorious allied troops marched triumphantly beneath the towering structure while a solid mass of people filling the stands around the Place de l'Etoile broke into storms of cheering.

Thousands Crowd Thoroughfares. It is impossible to estimate the number of people along the line of march, but Paris papers today said that several million saw or tried to see the spectacle. Representatives of nearly every civilized people cheered themselves hoarse at the passing war heroes. A riot of overpowering emotion attended the scene, in which full-throated French applause was the predominant note.

Many of the people lining the route and packing the overlooking windows and balconies there were many who had seen the spectacle in 1870. From these windows bearded fathers and children wept at the thought that a kinder fate had allowed them to share in the unparalleled spectacle and not, as Clemenceau eloquently said in the chamber of deputies, "have laid down in a shroud of glory." But the pathos of the scene was dimmed by the most wonderful demonstration of rejoicing ever seen in the history of the world. It is a fact that the people of the earth were united in welcoming a millennium. What, in fact, is happening in Paris today is the joining of the humbled in a feverish apothosis of peace.

Tribute to Dead. Before the rejoicing began, France paid tribute to her more than a million and a half of dead last night in the most mournful ceremony in the history of the republic. The "dix-huit heures" of the Arc de Triomphe, where a huge tomb of war was built on a raised platform sprinkled with the soil of many battlefields. A mammoth plaster figure of a soldier stood at each of the four corners. All night a picket of honor guards stood with arms reversed while a multitude of weeping people gathered beneath the arch before the sepulchral monument in silent homage to the fallen heroes. The candelabra were lighted at night and cast flickering streams of light upon the people streaming solemnly past the tomb into the gloom of the vast arch.

Early this morning the sepulchre was removed to the corner of the Place de l'Etoile to allow the troops to march beneath the arch. The route of the march from the Porte Maillot to the Place de la Republique was a scene of Babylonian splendor. At Port Maillot, through which the allied armies had come, a great triumphal arch stood.

## BASTILLE DAY.

The allied victory celebration in Paris is being held on Bastille day, the 14th anniversary of the storming of the famous Bastille prison, one of the first acts of the French revolution.

One year ago today, shortly before midnight, the Germans began their last great offensive, launched the morning of July 15 with a great infantry attack between Soissons and the Argonne. Three American divisions helped repel the German blow in less than three days of fighting.

the terrace of the Tuilleries gardens around the Place de la Concorde. Here the official decorative scheme ended, but the remainder of the route up the Rue Royale and along the grand boulevard to the Place de la Concorde, through private initiative, was a record display of flags, banners, ornaments and escutcheons.

A Brilliant Scene. Brilliant though the scene was, there was a general complaint that the decorations were carried out mainly by war artists, lacked the magnitude fitting such an historic occasion. The parade, however, was carried out by less than 10,000 men, this added to the fact that only a fortnight was given to devise and carry out the scheme, which was carried out in Paris was jammed to overflowing by great crowds of visitors that poured in from all over France. Hundreds of thousands spent the night without sleep and by daybreak the streets were teeming with people hurrying to the line of march. Every good place was occupied soon after dawn, when the troops began to rendezvous in the Bois de Boulogne.

At 8:30 President Poincare, ministers of state, high functionaries and ambassadors and members of parliament took their seats in the official reviewing stand on the Place de l'Etoile. Immediately the signal was given, the Avenue de la Grande Armee to start the march.

Then began the most magnificent military procession of all time. Immediately behind a squadron of the Republican Guard, who trumpeted frequent fanfare, came Gen. Pershing and Marshal Joffre, being side by side. The latter had been forced into the place, Gen. Pershing being escorted after his exclusion on the ground that there was no place where he could be consigned.

Following the two marshals came the allied contingents, each at a battalion strong for the great powers and smaller contingents of the lesser powers. A battalion dubbed "Pershing's own" made up of 1,200 men selected from the American Expeditionary Force, constituted America's show troops. Gen. Pershing led them in the parade, marching to uproarious cheers for the American Expeditionary Force. With him rode Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, who recently took command of the American Expeditionary Force in Germany; Maj. Gen. McClaghlin, of the First Division; Lt. Gen. of the Second, and Howne, of the Third.

The Belgians followed behind Gen. Pershing, followed by the British, consisting of the Guards and Seaforth Highlanders, with colors and standards. The British contingent in the parade, the most prominent being the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 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